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Mary Galloway has won a $10,000 award from the Kevin Spacey Foundation toward her upcoming short film. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Big pipe leak, big problem for city traffic

STANLEY PARK CAUSEWAY

Road closures expected until Monday; repairs will continue

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Traffic along the Stanley Park Causeway — and by extension, the Lions Gate Bridge — will be disrupted this weekend as Metro Vancouver crews begin a repair job on a very big, very old and very important water pipe that has sprung a leak.

The steel pipe is 1.8 meters in diameter and was built in 1931, six years before the Lions Gate Bridge was completed. It is one of the main pipes supplying water to the City of Vancouver as well as other municipalities in the region.

The pipe, which is leaking about 430,000 litres a day (by comparison, the regional demand is 1.5 billion litres a day) is the responsibility of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, which was told about the leak two weeks ago, said Marilyn Towill, a civil engineer with Metro Vancouver's water services department.

Starting Friday evening, traffic on the causeway near Lost Lagoon will be limited to two lanes — and at times one lane — as crews establish a working area. The regional district hopes that by Monday, the road closures will no longer be necessary, although repair work will continue. Water delivery to homes and businesses will likely not be affected during the project, Towill said.

The leak is currently flowing into Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park, but Metro Vancouver is dechlorinating and testing the water to make sure it doesn't affect water quality in the lagoon.

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Vancouver actor wins award to produce First Nations film

ARTS AND CULTURE

First Canuck filmmaker earns Kevin Spacey award

David P. Ball
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Mary Galloway is the first Canadian filmmaker to earn an "Artist of Choice" nod from Kevin Spacey's foundation for emerging artists. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Mary Galloway will never forget the day she received a call from the foundation of one of her filmmaking heroes, House of Cards creator and star Kevin Spacey.

For one, the First Nations actor learned she'd been shortlisted to become the first-ever Canadian filmmaker ever to win the Oscar- and Golden Globe-winning actor's "Artist of Choice" award — and with it professional mentorship and $10,000 towards her upcoming film about a First Nations nanny in the 1970s.

Mostly, however, she was shocked to discover that the American Beauty protagonist would be hand-picking the winners himself for his emerging artists fellowship, from roughly 2,000 applicants in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., where he lives.

"'Depending on Kevin's schedule, he'll probably get back to you within a month,'" she recalled being told. "They were referring to him as Kevin so casually.

"I was just speechless. I still haven't stopped smiling about it.... He's so inspiring: his hard work, his ability to do a long story and not have to rush to tell it."

The prize's recipients "are an elite group of emerging artists across the disciplines of theatre, film, dance and musical theatre," according to the foundation's website, "discovered, funded and mentored by the Kevin Spacey Foundation ensuring their professional creative development."

> **He's so inspiring: his hard work, his ability to do a long story and not have to rush to tell it.... He's a man of integrity.**
> Mary Galloway

Galloway — an acting grad of Vancouver's New Image College of Fine Arts — submitted for his consideration Unintentional Mother, a short film she wrote in which she'll portray a young First Nations nanny forced to choose between loyalty and escaping abuse from her father.

Originally from Qualicum Beach, Galloway is Coast Salish and her directorial debut will unite two of her professional passions: writing memorable characters she can act on screen — as Spacey did with his hit Netflix series House of Cards — and "showing First Nations girls they can do what they want."

"I want to be a strong female First Nation actress who helps show them their voice, to be brave and to take chances," she said. "We have so much to contribute in the world."

Last month, she held auditions for roles in the film, and is getting to work on its production. But she also hopes to have a chance to thank Spacey in person.

"It would be great to meet him and talk to him," she said. "He's a man of integrity who is really helping emerging filmmakers.

"Now I have to get hustling to do the best I can, and to get my ducks in a row."

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The Chevron Refinery in Burnaby on March 18, 2013. Environmental groups are bracing for disappointment after a media report that B.C. will release its new climate plan Friday without an increase to the carbon tax. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaked plan 'doesn't bode well': Environmentalist

EMISSIONS

Media report suggests B.C. won't increase carbon tax

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Environmental groups and British Columbia's environment critic are bracing for disappointment after details of the province's new climate action plan were leaked Wednesday.

The Vancouver Sun reports that the often-delayed plan will finally be released on Friday but likely won't include an announcement on the key recommendation proposed by the province's Climate Leadership Team advisory panel: increasing the carbon tax by $10 a tonne per year starting in 2018.

The article, citing a government source, says the B.C. Liberals wanted "to balance actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with affordability for families and competitiveness to protect and grow jobs" and are still waiting on the federal government to sort out its own carbon-pricing scheme before making further changes to the carbon tax.

A Ministry of Environment spokesperson would not provide confirmation to Metro that the plan — originally set to be unveiled in March — will be rolled out on Friday.

> **The old dichotomy of environment versus economy is false.**
> Josha MacNab

The province's environment critic, New Democratic Party MLA George Heyman, told Metro he doesn't expect to see a climate plan anywhere near as ambitious as the one drafted by the Climate Leadership Team in December.

"We'll have to wait to see the details but they have delayed and delayed the plan and it's like now they're taking out the garbage on a Friday in the middle of summer. 'Nothing much to see here'," said Heyman.

If government had something "really spectacular" to announce, the plan would have been released sooner, Heyman contends.

"The timing is suspicious," he said.

Without lifting the freeze on the carbon tax, it will be "impossible" for the province to meet its goal of reducing emissions 80 per cent by 2050, according to Josha MacNab, B.C. director of the Pembina Institute.

"If what is being reported (by the Vancouver Sun) is true and we're not seeing an increase on the carbon tax, it would certainly set B.C. back to meet its climate targets," said MacNab. "It does not bode well."

Any argument that sacrifices need to be made for the economy is wrong, according to MacNab.

"The old dichotomy of environment versus economy is false," she said. "The Climate Leadership Team needed to establish how to be competitive in a low-carbon economy."

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation B.C. director Jordan Bateman told Metro he's glad government looks set to continue the freeze on the carbon tax, contending the funds generated by it have gone to corporations' boutique projects instead of helping families.

Asked how B.C. would meet its climate targets without increasing the carbon tax, Bateman said people "need to be realistic" about the province's role in fighting climate change.

"We are a tiny contributor (of emissions world-wide)," he said. "Let's not beat ourselves up or cripple our economy for some weird moral authority."

Until other jurisdictions across North America start introducing carbon pricing, B.C. shouldn't raise its carbon tax, Bateman said.

Tax gives buyers breathing room

Vancouver REAL ESTATE

Foreign buyer tax lessened rush to buy, say realtors

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Following the introduction of B.C.'s 15 per cent tax targeting foreign homebuyers, realtors say local buyers no longer seem to be feeling the FOMO that had been spurring them to compete in bidding wars.

"What it did, in my opinion, it's changed the behaviour of the locals where everybody before was rushing in to buy something, going in way over their head with multiple offers," said Steve Saretsky, a realtor with Sutton Group West Coast, describing a situation in which local buyers expected prices to continue to rise because of interest from foreign buyers.

While detached home sales have been slowing ever since April, and dropped off following the introduction of the new tax on July 25, condo sales continue to be brisk. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Then (the tax) came out and everyone's like oh, all these foreign buyers are going to leave the market, maybe I'll wait."

Are prices dropping? Not yet, said Geoff McLennan, a realtor with ReMax Advantage in New Westminster.

"I haven't seen people willing to pay less, but they're maybe not willing to lose their minds in multiple offers — which is a good thing," McLennan said.

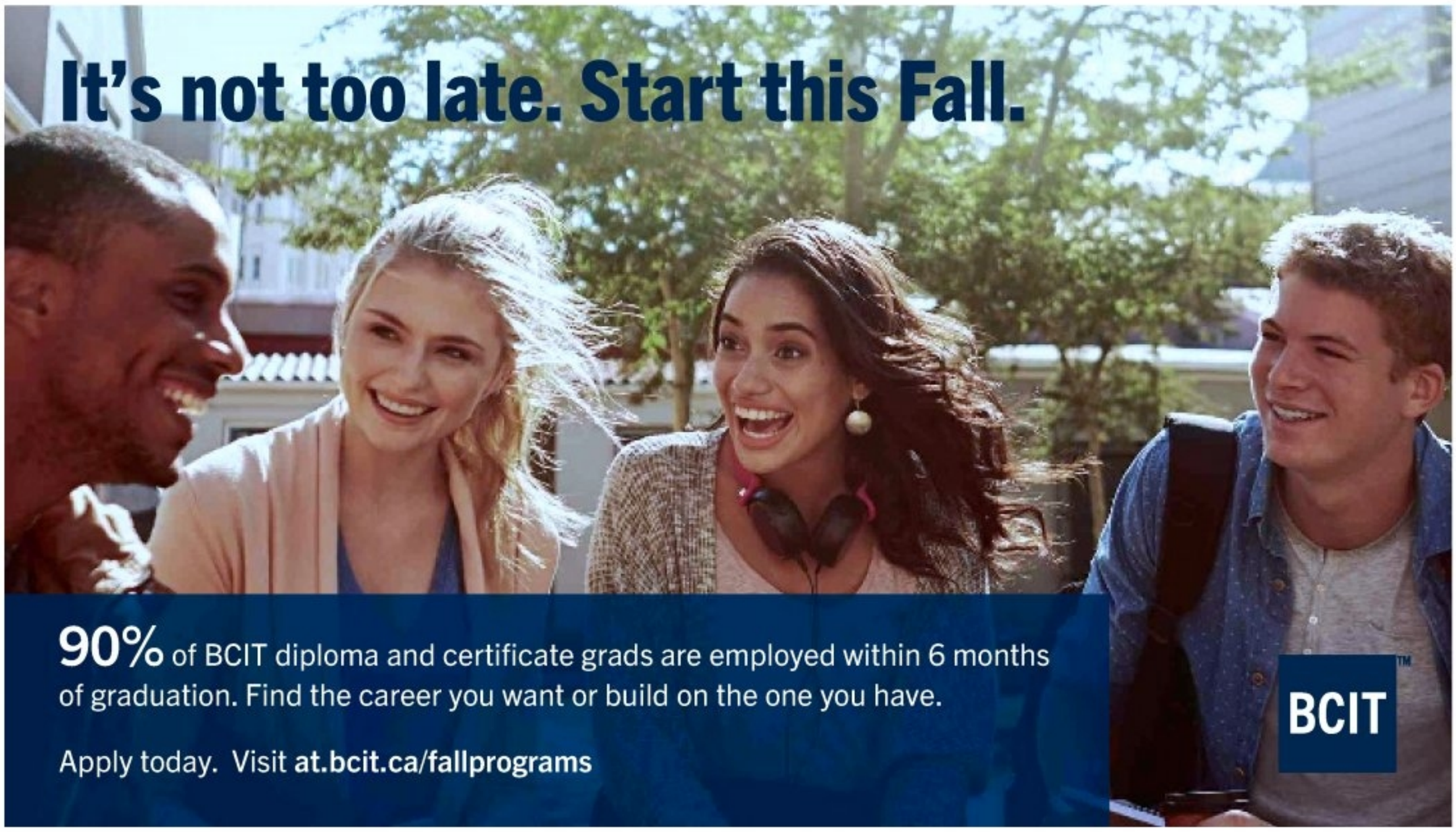
While detached home sales have been slowing ever since April, and dropped off following introduction of the new tax on July 25, condo sales continue to be brisk. Lower-priced condos, priced in the $300,000 — a price that more closely matches local incomes — are doing especially well, McLennan said.

It's a different story for higher-priced condos, which McLennan connected to the slowdown in detached sales. Owners of detached homes, who might have looked to cash in on the inflated market for houses and relocate to a luxury condo, are now hanging back.

Prices tend to start dropping when less than 10 per cent of listings sell in a month, McLennan said. Currently 53 per cent of listings are selling within a month, continuing to place Metro Vancouver in a sellers' market. But for buyers, that's an improvement over the 90-100 per cent ratio seen at the peak of the market earlier this year.

There has already started to be some price reductions in some detached homes in Richmond and Tsawwassen, Saretsky said, markets that had seen detached home prices rise a nosebleed 47 and 42 per cent, respectively.

"It just couldn't keep going," Saretsky said.



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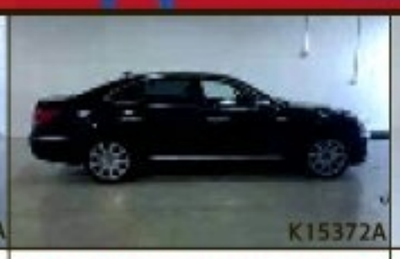
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TRAVEL

Business operator says numbers are a surprise

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver can expect a record number of tourists this year, and while that's good for business, some are still catching up.

Tourism Vancouver said visitor numbers are up by 8.6 per cent from last year and estimates a total of 9.8 million tourists will come to the city by December, an increase for the third straight year in a row.

At least one business says it has continually underestimated how busy recent summers have been.

"We did increase the size of our fleet this year and I would say it wasn't enough to keep up with the demand," said False Creek Ferries operations manager Jeremy Patterson.

The company added one boat to its fleet for the 2015 summer run and added another two this year for a total of 13 vessels, but there are still sailing waits during peak hours, he said.

"We're finding that we're reaching capacity more than we like."

Ferries already land at the Granville Island dock — False Creek Ferries' busiest stop — once every minute, trying to quickly shuttle both locals and tourists to the West End.

"When we're operating at capacity and going as fast as we can, the ferries are almost loading like chairlifts or gondolas," said Patterson.

"It's hard to keep up."

Vancouver can thank three main countries for the busy summer — Canada, the United States, and China, according to Tourism Vancouver.

Visitor numbers are up by 8.6 per cent compared to last year, according to data released in May 2016, said Tourism Vancouver. WANYEE LI/METRO

> **We did increase the size of our fleet this year, and I would say it wasn't enough.**
> Jeremy Patterson

China only recently broke into the top three sender countries, bumping the United Kingdom off in 2014, said Ty Speer, CEO of Tourism Vancouver.

But it's likely domestic and American tourists will continue to send the most people to Vancouver, he said.

"Canada will always be the largest and the U.S., given proximity and culture, and the ability to drive (here), will also always be the second largest."

Vancouver Tourism's research shows the low Canadian dollar increases domestic tourism, but it doesn't factor much into American's decision to come up north, said Speer.

"The currency, interestingly, isn't really a factor for Americans. Our research shows that Americans don't pay much attention to the exchange rate."

One of the biggest jumps when it comes to sending tourists to Vancouver came from Mexico, who sent 40 per cent more visitors than last year, according to Speer.

It's Vancouver's image of being a safe and welcoming place that attracts many tourists, he said.

"People don't immediately come out and tell you that they were worried about going to Europe. But we do get that feedback anecdotally. We do have a strength as being considered a safe destination."

The tourism industry contributes $4 billion to Vancouver's economy every year, according to Tourism Vancouver.

IN BRIEF

Suspect arrested in fatal daylight stabbing of man

An arrest has been made following a fatal stabbing in Port Coquitlam.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team says 34-year-old James Meanney was taken into custody without incident Tuesday.

Police say 65-year-old Robert Vidovich was stabbed as he crossed the parking lot of a busy Port Coquitlam shopping mall on Aug. 7. He is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

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Nineteen dogs rescued by RCMP; woman from Saskatchewan ticketed

Nineteen dogs have been rescued by police after a resident in Kamloops heard barking coming from a van parked at a hotel on Tuesday night. RCMP say officers found five full-grown Labrador retrievers and 14 puppies inside the vehicle.

Cpl. Jodi Shelkie says a woman from Saskatchewan was issued a ticket for transporting the animals without protection.

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Two men die after being pulled from small lake

The BC Coroners Service says two men have died after an incident on Weston Lake, just north of Fulford Harbour, on Salt Spring Island.

Coroner Barb McLintock confirmed the deaths but said there were few other details. The accident happened just before 7 p.m. Tuesday. Two men in their 20s were pulled from the lake. Both victims were rushed to hospital in critical condition but could not be saved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bandida the pit bull who was injured in a fight with a cat named Baby. CONTRIBUTED/JAVIERA RODRIGUEZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cat attacks big pit bull

ANIMAL WELFARE

Feline being protective, says owner

The owners of an elderly cat named Baby say their pet's sudden reputation as a fearless mauler of pit bull dogs is undeserved.

Betty Jean Thompson, 78, and her husband said they are mystified by the public interest in an incident that happened Monday evening on the front lawn of their home in Saanich, B.C.

Thompson said she was tending her garden when a group of women walking seven large dogs approached on the sidewalk and one of the dogs showed a friendly interest in her.

Beside her lay Baby, the stray cat adopted by the Thompsons almost 16 years ago.

"She's kind of a slow sort of thinking cat, but one thing is she is very protective of me," said Thompson.

The dog's owner, Javiera Rodriguez said she and three other women involved in a canine walking group were strolling by Thompson's property with seven dogs when a cat leapt unprovoked from the bushes and latched onto the face of a three-year-old pit bull named Bandida.

Thompson agreed her cat "set on" one of the pit bulls that was on the property, but she says the cat did not leap out of bushes.

"There is no ambush about it," she exclaimed. "Somebody is blowing this all up."

By the time the two animals were separated, the dog and one of the walkers had been hurt, and Thompson said Baby was hanging limp but uninjured from the jaws of the surprised pooch.

Besides wounding Bandida, the cat also sent Kyla Grover, one of the dog walkers, to hospital with scratch and bite injuries on her left hand. She received vaccinations and antibiotics.

The Thompsons paid about $220 in veterinary bills that Rodriguez brought to their home the next day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

'Ugly' tomatoes deserve love too: Farmers Market

Tomatoes come in all shapes and sizes and people should celebrate all produce no matter their appearance, says Vancouver Farmers Markets. The 15th annual Tomato Festival this weekend celebrates all ugly fruits and vegetables. People can sample over 150 varieties of tomatoes. WANYEE LI/METRO

New North Vancouver home vandalized with pails of paint

A new home a week away from completion was vandalized with 15 pails of paint Monday, according to North Vancouver RCMP. Paint was splashed over the stove, fridge, countertops, hardwood floors, and carpeted stairs in the house on MacKay Avenue, according to a RCMP release. WANYEE LI/METRO

ALLEGATIONS

Special prosecutor to act in Pat Pimm case

A special prosecutor has been appointed in the case of a member of the B.C. legislature after his announcement this week he has left the governing Liberal caucus over unspecified allegations.

Pat Pimm said in a statement on Monday that the allegations require him to seek legal advice and while the matter is being resolved he has left caucus but will sit as an Independent.

The Criminal Justice Branch said Wednesday that it has appointed Vancouver lawyer Michael Klein as a special prosecutor and it understands that Pimm was arrested and released for an alleged offence.

It said the RCMP must independently determine whether to submit a report to Crown counsel for a charge assessment.

"In light of Mr. Pimm's status as a MLA, the appointment of a special prosecutor is intended to avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice," the branch said in a statement.

Among other things, the special prosecutor provides legal advice to the investigating agency.

There was no indication in the statement from the Criminal Justice Branch or from Pimm as to the nature of the allegations that have been brought against the politician who represents the Peace River North riding.

"As this matter is before the courts, there will be no further comment," Pimm said in Monday's statement.

He declined comment through his office on Wednesday.

The Criminal Justice Branch and the RCMP also declined comment.

Pimm was first elected to the legislature in 2009 after serving for 12 years on Fort St. John city council and appointed agriculture minister in 2013. He left cabinet last year to seek treatment for colon cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Homeless unlikely to stick to meds

MENTAL HEALTH

Study links indigence and adherence to anti-psychotics

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Homeless people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia are far less likely to adhere to their medication, a Simon Fraser University study has found.

A new study published in the journal Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology found that just 12 per cent of the 290 participants in Vancouver who had been homeless and mentally ill adhered to their antipsychotic medication enough for it to be clinically effective.

People who reported to be homeless for three years or more were twice as likely to have a low Medication Possession Ratio.

The study is the first to quantify the very low level of adherence to antipsychotic medication among homeless people and could be key to improving treatment and tackling homelessness.

Lead author Stefanie Rezansoff said that although people are diagnosed, are prescribed medication, have their costs covered and have access to many pharmacies in Vancouver, their illness and living situation makes it difficult for them to stick to treatment regimes.

As a result, people are less likely to treat their symptoms, their illness can worsen and they can be put further at risk.

"It's quite possible it has a lot to do with being homeless. There's nowhere to keep these medications and drugs can be stolen," Rezansoff told Metro. "The chaos of being homeless makes adherence harder."

There is a strong link between adherence to medication and long-term homelessness, the study found.

"Plausibly, homelessness and poor adherence to antipsychotic medication contribute to a vicious circle perpetuating poor outcomes among the homeless and mentally ill," the study reads.

People with a history of psychiatric hospitalization and those who come into contact and access primary medical services fare better.

The study also found that long-acting injectable prescriptions were "significantly associated with higher adherence to antipsychotic regimens" and could, with better engagement through community-based medical care, make for more effective interventions.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Couple booted from Butchart Gardens for old-timey attire

A Washington state couple expelled from a well-known Vancouver Island tourist destination for wearing Victorian-era clothing says they're hoping to put the past behind them.

Sarah and Gabriel Chrisman say they were shocked last week when they arrived at Butchart Gardens to celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary and were told the period clothing, which they wear on a daily basis, was forbidden.

The well-known tourist site has issued a news release saying it doesn't allow costumes on the premises, similar to other international attractions, such as Disney Parks and SeaWorld.

The statement says its staff dealt with the pair courteously and refunded their admission, bus tickets and tea reservation.

The Chrismans dispute that version of events, saying they were treated poorly and had their money returned only after insisting on a refund.

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Gabriel and Sarah Chrisman in Craigdarroch Castle.
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Dual citizens face new passport regulations

AIR TRAVEL

New policy will come into effect Sept. 30

Canadian citizens with dual citizenships will soon be allowed to fly into the country only if they have a Canadian passport.

The policy will come into effect Sept. 30 as a final phase of Canada's move to an electronic screening system to step up border security and boost exit control of travellers, including Canadians on government benefits.

The upcoming requirement has caught many by surprise calling the practice "discriminatory" against dual citizens and a money grab, and is expected to create havoc as travellers with dual Canadian citizenships may find out only at the last minute when trying to board on a flight.

Ottawa rolled out the electronic travel authorization, or eTA, system last year, requiring air passengers — including all applicants for study and work permits, as well as those from countries that currently do not require a visa to come to Canada — to pay a $7 fee and submit their biographic, passport and other personal information through the immigration department website for prescreening or face being denied entry — with a $7 processing fee. American citizens are exempted.

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+ CITIZENSHIPS

According to the 2011 Census, at least 2.9 per cent of Canadians — about 944,700 people — had multiple citizenships; the most frequently reported other citizenships were the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Poland.

Dual citizens will soon be allowed to fly into the country only if they have a Canadian passport. DREAMSTIME/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rumeysa Hanci, wife of Calgary imam Davud Hanci who is imprisoned in Turkey. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Wife seeks news of imprisoned imam

Rumeysa Hanci breaks down in tears when she recounts how she spent her 13th wedding anniversary, travelling home to Calgary from Turkey and not knowing when she would see her husband, Davud, again.

She said Turkish authorities have not explained why they have imprisoned the imam, who has Canadian and Turkish Citizenship.

Allegations in Turkish media that he was involved in last month's coup attempt make no sense to Rumeysa.

"My husband is a very gentle and kind man," she said from her family's northwest Calgary houses.

Davud's job involves counselling to prison inmates in Alberta to help them develop a "peaceful understanding of life," Rumeysa said.

The couple and their sons travelled to Turkey last month to see Davud's ailing father in Trabzon, on the coast of the Black Sea. They got word authorities wanted to question Davud. He and his brother went to city hall to talk to police.

Global Affairs spokesman Austin Jean said the Canadian government remains concerned about Davud and another Turkish Canadian, Ilhan Erdem, who was arrested last month at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport. Rumeysa said she's hopeful:

"I have a lot of faith in the Canadian government."

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POLICING

Minister urges talk on access to passwords

Canadians need to think about how far police should be allowed to go in accessing their electronic devices and communications, the federal public safety minister says.

A federal review of cybersecurity will provide a chance to discuss a proposal from Canada's police chiefs for a new law that would compel people to hand over passwords with a judge's consent, Ralph Goodale said Wednesday.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police says the measure is needed to fight criminals in cyberspace who increasingly use tools to hide their identities and communications.

In the United States, there are literally thousands of smartphones and other digital devices "sitting on shelves" because authorities can't get into them, said Terrence Cunningham, a police chief in Massachusetts and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"And we know that those devices hold the answers to the questions that we need so that we can hold people accountable and prosecute some of these cases," Cunningham said during the Canadian chiefs' annual conference this week.

After a speech Wednesday to the gathering, Goodale acknowledged that smartphones contain a wealth of personal data and can reveal much more about a person than an ordinary physical search might.

Civil libertarians and privacy advocates cried foul when the previous Conservative government introduced legislation that would have allowed police access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number, email address and Internet Protocol address — without a warrant.

OpenMedia, a group that advocates online freedom, says the chiefs' new password proposal is likely unconstitutional.

The federal cybersecurity consultation launched this week runs through mid-October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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French towns prohibit wearing of burkinis

RELIGION

Yet Muslim women say the ban is sexist as well as racist

Male officials are dictating what women can wear on French beaches — and people across a wide swath of French society say that's a good thing.

Decrees issued by several mayors this month ban the burkini swimsuit, which France's secular political class says subjugates women and is incompatible with a country whose motto celebrates equality and freedom.

To many Muslim women, that's pure hypocrisy. They see the burkini bans as sexist, not to mention racist and a reactionary backlash to terrorism fears.

Even though it's only worn by a tiny minority, the burkini — a wetsuit-like garment that covers the torso, limbs and head — has prompted a discussion about Islam and women's bodies. At least five towns have banned them, and others are threatening to follow suit.

A Tunisian woman in a burkini at a beach near the capital of Tunis. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Manuel Valls says the swimsuit reflects a worldview based on "the enslavement of women."

"That is not compatible with the values of France," Valls said.

But Rim-Sarah Alouane, a religious freedom expert at the University of Toulouse, says the anti-burkini brigade is relying on outdated ideas about Islam to stigmatize France's No. 2 religion.

"What is more French than sitting on a beach in the sand? We are telling Muslims that no matter what you do … we don't want you here," said Alouane.

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Quebec politicians remain cautious

It would be difficult for Quebec to follow the lead of the French cities that have banned burkini swimsuits, the province's international relations minister said.

Christine St-Pierre said the Canadian and Quebec charters of rights and freedoms would make it "very, very difficult to ban" the body-covering swimwear.

While stating she didn't want to immerse herself in another country's debate, she acknowledged the issue is a "delicate" one.

"Do we tell women, 'stay at home, don't leave your home, stay isolated and don't go out?"' she said. "That's the question we have to ask."

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NATURE WILDFIRE THREATENS CALIFORNIA A wildfire with a ferocity never seen before by veteran California firefighters raced up and down canyon hillsides Wednesday, engulfing homes and forcing thousands to flee. THE DAILY PRESS VIA THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

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Shipwreck found in Lake Ontario

The second-oldest confirmed shipwreck in the Great Lakes, an American-built, Canadian-owned sloop that sank in Lake Ontario more than 200 years ago, has been found, a team of underwater explorers said Wednesday.

The three-member western New York-based team said it discovered the shipwreck earlier this summer in deep water off Oswego, in central New York. Images captured by a remotely operated vehicle confirmed it is the Washington, which sank during a storm in 1803, team member Jim Kennard said.

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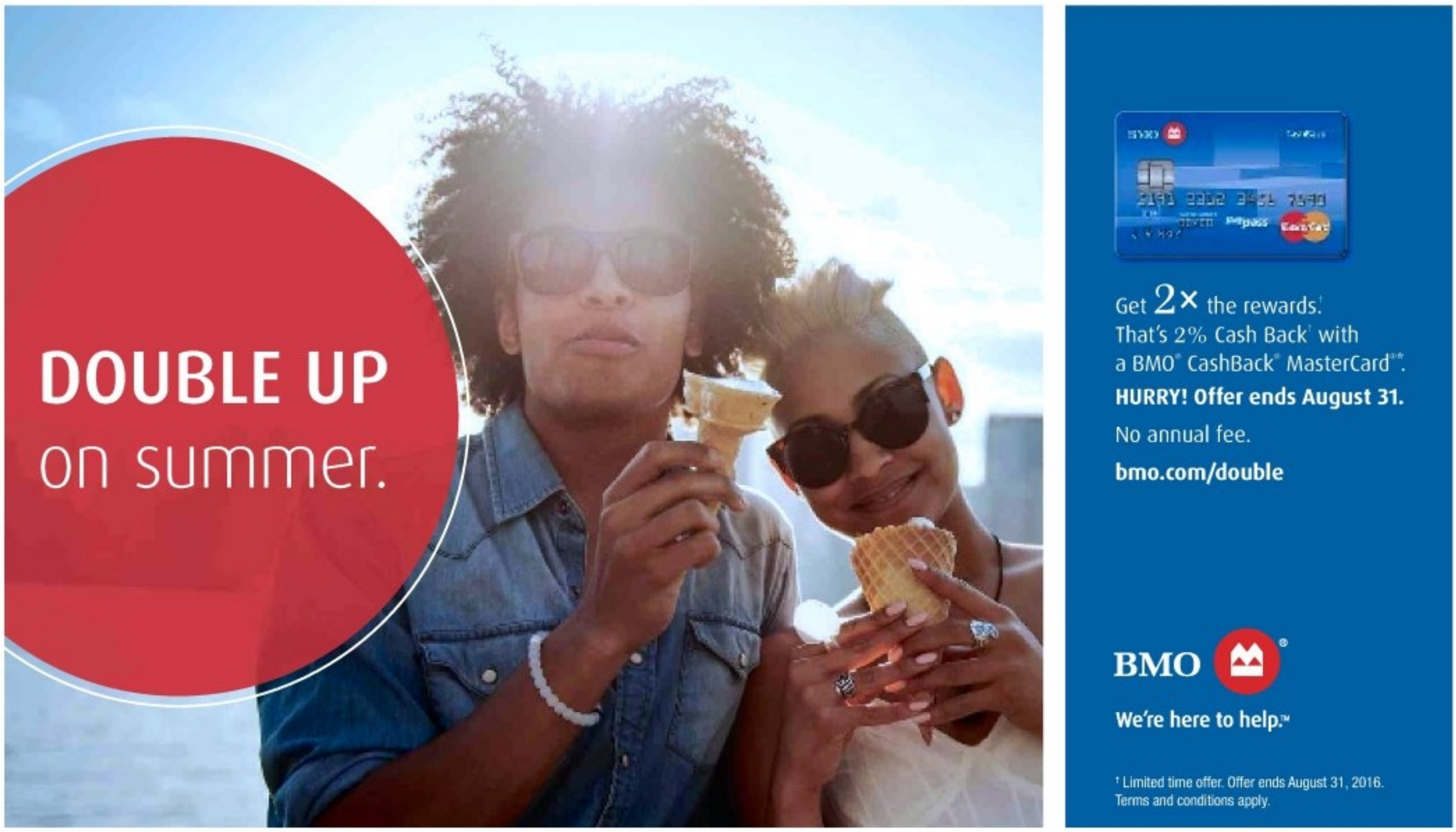

Niagara Falls adds zip lines to lure teens

TOURISM

Natural attractions cashing in on popular rides

Niagara Falls is the latest natural wonder to add a zip line, offering honeymooners and everyone else the chance to take an adrenaline-pumping plunge toward churning mist.

The elevated cable rides have evolved from a novel way to explore jungle canopies to almost necessary additions to lure tourists in the 21st century to established destinations. It's a trend that's exposed a rift between those who approach nature like contemplative monks and others who require an extreme, Indiana Jones-style experience.

"We can't make these into museums. We have to keep the general public — the folks that these places have been set aside for — we have to keep them motivated to get out there," argued Tom Benson, co-founder and chief experience officer at WildPlay Element Parks, which built the Niagara Falls zip line.

"How do you take a teenager and get them away from a game console to something that is going to capture their imagination?" he asked.

The booming popularity of commercial zip lines over the past five years — there are at least 200 in the United States — means more people are experiencing nature in a way that would make Thoreau dizzy.

At Niagara Falls, Benson said his four lines angling 2,200 feet along the Canadian side of the gorge were designed to be sensitive to the local environment.

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A tourist zips toward the mist of the Horseshoe Falls, on the Ontario side of Niagara Falls. WILDPLAY LTD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MERIDIAN

Credit union takes on big five banks

Ontario's largest credit union could soon be the biggest financial technology disruptor Canada's Big Five banks face, as it seeks to launch a federally chartered bank that will offer full digital-only financial services across the country.

"I really do think Canadians are hungry for something different," said Meridian CEO Bill Maurin.

Meridian has seized upon new technology that enables it to offer an array of services without opening branches. The bank's lack of physical branches across the country means lower overhead costs and will help it offer the same low-cost structure Meridian offers its credit union members.

"In the past, when distribution was primarily through retail branches trying to compete directly against the large five was more challenging," Maurin said.

Meridian credit union was created in 2005 and has 270,000 members. It won't open any physical bank branches but will continue to operate its 81 credit union outlets in Ontario.

Its new bank plans to offer retail banking services such as personal chequing and savings accounts and loans, including mortgages, when it expects to open in the second half of 2018.

It will later add wealth management and corporate banking services.

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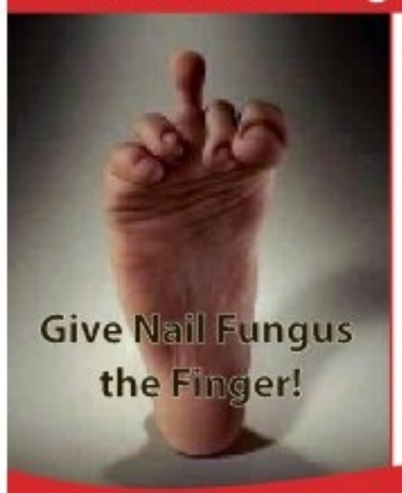

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON A DEPARTED PARLIAMENTARIAN

The late Mauril Bélanger earned his place in history as one of a long line of political champions of Ontario's francophone community. It is a role that has long come with the job of representing the Ottawa-Vanier riding.

All Canadians will remember Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, who passed away Tuesday at 61, for his grace under the cruel duress of ALS. In recent months many will also have come to know of his deathbed wish to make the English version of "O Canada" gender-neutral.

But most of Bélanger's battles were fought on a different language front. He earned his place in Ontario history as one of a long line of political champions of the province's francophone community.

It is a role that has long come with the job of representing Ottawa-Vanier in Parliament and at Queen's Park. Few ridings are more closely associated with the long-standing struggle of Ontario's francophone community to maintain its place on the province's map.

In 1916, it was the site of a memorable standoff between French-language parents and the Ontario government. In protest against regulation 17 — which limited French-language instruction to the first two years of elementary school — the mothers and grandmothers of the students of École Guigues in Ottawa's lower town set up a human chain to protect its classrooms from police interference.

When the authorities showed up, the women famously fought back with hatpins and sewing scissors. Among others, one of Toronto's French-language elementary schools — École Jeanne-Lajoie — is named in honour of a teacher who opened a then-illegal French school after losing her job for teaching francophone students in their mother tongue.

Not all the battles for French-language rights in Ontario go back a century.

LANGUAGE WARRIOR Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signs a book of condolence for Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, who died Tuesday. Bélanger served as MP for Ottawa-Vanier since 1995. CP

French-language rights in Ontario go back a century.

Liberal MPP Albert Roy who represented Ottawa-Vanier (then known as Ottawa East) at Queen's Park in the 1970s brought in a private member's bill that would have bound the province to offer services in French. The bill failed but a decade later it served as a foundation for Ontario's first French-language services act. Roy also fought for the right of French-speaking defendants to be tried in their language.

It was Bernard Grandmaître, Roy's Liberal successor as MPP, who oversaw the introduction in the late '80s of the act that guarantees provincial services in French in designated areas of the province. Not everyone was happy about it. A number of Ontario municipalities declared themselves English-only, even if the act did not apply to them.

Jean-Robert Gauthier represented Ottawa-Vanier in Parliament for 20 years as of 1974. The Liberal MP fought relentlessly to have French's historic place in Ontario recognized, once even taking up rhetorical arms against prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

Gauthier did not support the 1982 patriation of the Constitution because it did not include the recognition of French as an official language of Ontario, on par with English. But he did have input on the wording of the section of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that deals with minority education rights. Shortly after it came into effect, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that the English-speaking minority in Quebec and its French-speaking counterparts across Canada had the constitutional right, per the new charter, to run their own schools.

Bélanger earned his stripes on the front line of the fight to overturn a 1997 provincial decision to shut down Montfort hospital — Canada's only French-language university teaching hospital west of Quebec. Five years and two pro-Montfort court victories later, Tony Clement, as the then-Ontario health minister, waved the white flag on behalf of the Conservative government.

Today no one questions Montfort's existence. There is a tentative plan afoot to create a French-language university in Ontario. Earlier this year premier Kathleen Wynne offered the province's francophone community an official apology for regulation 17. But Bélanger would not have considered his work done.

He would have liked Ottawa — Canada's capital — to declare itself officially bilingual. Had he not lost his health he would have had a chat with Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould about her contention that a Supreme Court judge can be considered functionally bilingual even if he or she can't hold a conversation in French.

Ottawa-Vanier is no longer home to as tightly knit a francophone community as it was a few decades ago. The proportion of French-speaking voters who call it home has declined. But it remains an iconic riding for the Franco-Ontarian minority. It is also one of the safest Liberal ridings in the country. There will be no lack of contenders to fill the seat. Bélanger would not wish for a faint-hearted successor.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

A broken justice system leaves us judging the judges

It's been a bad week for Terry Semenuk.

The Alberta Judge is presiding over a horrific case of gang rape, where a 17-year-old girl was kidnapped from a bus stop in 2014 and raped repeatedly over eight hours by two brothers, who have pleaded guilty.

But that's his job. What's been especially bad for Semenuk is the way he's handled perhaps the most validating part of the criminal justice system for victims who find a way to come forward, and who win a conviction: the victim impact statement.

In what appears to be an entirely inexplicable move, Semenuk not only denied a request for the young woman's victim impact statement to be read aloud in court by the Crown — he then barred the media from obtaining it.

If Semenuk has good reason for either ruling, he's failed to offer it. A Crown reading the statement might contravene the Criminal Code, and it might conflict with a publication ban on the victim's identity, he's reportedly said.

Neither, according to legal observers, make any sense. Victim impact statements are routinely read by Crown attorneys in Toronto, and the public and media are routinely given access to victims' identities and then expected to follow any publication ban.

Unfortunately for Semenuk, judges of sexual assault trials are under unprecedented scrutiny these days. Thanks to Justice Robin Camp, who in 2014 asked a rape complainant "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" we know how ignorant our bench can be. Thanks to a two-year, Ghomeshi-fuelled national conversation, we know how flippantly our justice system treats sexual assault. That's not a matter of opinion: Research shows about 0.5 per cent of sexual assaults make it to court. And unfortunately for judges, they often become the faces of the whole sorry, sloppy, ineffective mess. Because so much of what's wrong with the system lies buried in police reports we never see and cases we never hear about, judges are the visible tip of the sickened iceberg.

In the wake of the Stanford rape case, it's hard to believe Semenuk would be unaware of the power and dignity offered to victims when these statements are publicized. Perhaps he also noticed how much attention they can draw to a judge and his decisions.

Or perhaps he's genuinely ignorant of how they are, to use the words of activist Farrah Khan, "one of the few accommodations we offer survivors."

"Why can't we honour that?" she asked. Really, why couldn't Semenuk?

The answer is: We have no idea. And our judges have to do a lot better than that. When they don't, you can bet we'll be watching.

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It's hard to tell who was more starstruck — four-time Rio gold medallist Simone Biles or Zac Efron, who spent the week tweeting about the U.S. gymnast. They met at the Games this week.

OLYMPICS Q&A

Gold medallist reflects on the momentum of women in Rio

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada

MacLennan is 'over the moon'

Rosie MacLennan, who was the flag bearer at this year's Olympic ceremony, defended her gold medal in women's trampoline on Friday. After suffering a concussion last summer, MacLennan took five months off for rehabilitation that included vestibular ocular therapy, working through her eyes to strengthen parts of her brain. DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

If there was more pressure on Rosie MacLennan going into Rio, it was self-imposed.

"I guess there was some expectation and more attention, but I think the most pressure for any athlete is the internal pressure they put on themselves," the trampolinist tells Metro.

MacLennan, 27, who won Canada's only gold medal in London 2012, proved she was still best in her sport by defending her spot last Friday.

"I'm feeling over the moon," she says, reflecting on her performance. Metro asked MacLennan about Team Canada's podium run so far, sexism in the Olympic coverage, and about her own competitive spirit and training methods.

Which competitors were you keeping your eye on?
I was definitely keeping an eye on the two Chinese girls, Li Dan and He Wenna. They've been incredibly strong over the past decade. And then the girl from Belarus (Tatsiana Piatrenia) who won the first round — she's been incredibly strong as well. So I guess they were my watch list.

Canadian women have been dominating the podium. Have you noticed more confidence in our athletes, or do you think it's the result of more investment?
I don't know necessarily what caused it but I do think there is something to building momentum. So right off the bat when you have top performances, it's really inspiring and motivating for the rest of the team.

So for me, I watched the rugby girls the first three days and they were incredible. They performed a debut Olympic event and I was truly inspired by not only their performance but their attitude; their feelings of gratitude to be here and have the opportunity.

There has been much talk about sexism in the Olympic media coverage. Is this something the athletes are talking about, or that you have experienced?
I think a lot of the athletes competing are really just focused on the task at hand but it has been nice to see some of the athletes, (like) Adam van Koeverden speaking up and really defending…female athletes and the way that we're covered.

One of the things about being at the Olympics is you're actually kind of removed from the coverage. We get live feeds of the sport so a lot of the coverage is about that specifically. We're a little bit sheltered from it at this point, but it might start some discussions back home.

If Penny Oleksiak is picked to be the flag bearer, what advice would you give to her?
To her or to whoever is picked: just really take in that moment and raise the flag high and proud and just enjoy it, embrace it and take it all in.

I think it's an opportunity to be an ambassador for the team and be a spokesperson for the team in a sense; to help generate conversations about things that you're passionate about.

Some coaches have called on corporate Canada to support our athletes. You've had sponsorship success, now working with Tide as well as P&G's Thank You, Mom campaign. What's important to keep in mind when you do a campaign like this?

I think it's important to have a deeper connection. It's more than the face value of a partnership. The reason I was so excited to work with Tide (on Small but Powerful) is because of what they're trying to accomplish and it's connected to something I'm really passionate about. One of my dreams and one of my goals beyond being an athlete is encouraging and facilitating that next generation of athletes — whether it's for high performance goals or an active life, it doesn't really matter. But the Small and Powerful campaign connected with me because they are doing something about it; they are putting money where their mouth is.

What was the hardest part about suffering a concussion last year?
I think the hardest part was being held back from something you absolutely love but I think that was also the benefit of it. Because I was held back, I realized all I wanted to do was get back on the trampoline regardless of what that meant for the Olympic journey.

PREP MUSIC

Those who watched Rosie MacLennan win gold last Friday may have noticed she had her headphones in before her routine. What was she listening to?

"Before my first routine I listened to Citizen Cope, Let the Drummer Kick It, and then before my second routine I often listen to Stronger by Kanye West. The first one is more a pace — it gets me more calm; I love the song. And then Stronger I associate with training and with positive memories in training. It really helps me connect to that level," she says.

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Is this Canada's next grip-lit star?

INTERVIEW

Shari Lapena's new novel thrills to the final page

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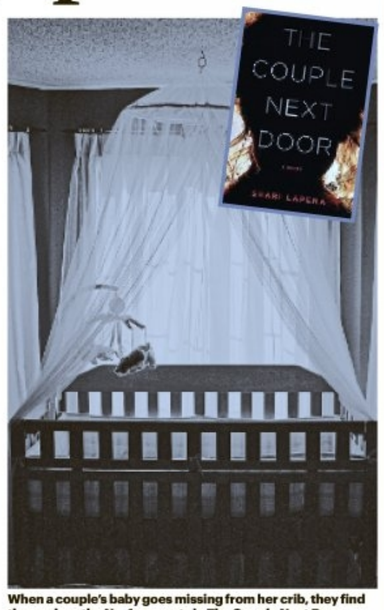

When a couple's baby goes missing from her crib, they find themselves the No. 1 suspects in The Couple Next Door. CONTRIBUTED

Imagine being accused of a crime you didn't commit. Could you defend yourself, or are there secrets in your past that might not look too savoury or be hard to explain to investigating police and probing media?

It's been the premise behind many movies and television shows, and now that horrifying scenario is at the core of Toronto author Shari Lapena's international breakout novel, The Couple Next Door.

The domestic thriller follows Anne and Marco Conti, a seemingly happy and well-off couple with a new baby, Cora.

When their babysitter cancels right before a dinner party at the neighbour's house, Marco convinces Anne, who is suffering from postpartum depression, to leave Cora at home with a baby monitor.

But when Cora is discovered missing from her crib, the new parents find themselves the No. 1 suspects in the crime. The story digs deep into each of their emotions, following their every move throughout the investigation, with a plot that doesn't stop surprising until literally the very last page.

On paper, Lapena doesn't come across as Canada's next big grip-lit star.

> I love it, I'm going to stick with the thrillers. It's so fun to do. I think I have a natural bent for it
>
> Shari Lapena

She had a lifelong dream of becoming a writer, but went into law as a "practical choice." She then became an English teacher, which suited her career aspirations much better, but 17 years ago after the birth of her child, decided to try out writing full-time. Lapena wrote two "quiet literary novels," Things Go Flying and Happiness Economics, which was shortlisted for the 2012 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour (she lost to Patrick deWitt's The Sisters Brothers), but deep down had always wanted to write a thriller. "I didn't think I had it in me," she says, laughing.

"Plotting has never been my strength so I was intimidated with the idea because I know the plotting has to be airtight and perfect and full of twists."

She decided to give it a shot anyway, thinking that if the manuscript didn't work out, she could always shelve the story and never show anyone.

"But the plot came along quite naturally, it was easier than I thought," Lapena says.

It's a good thing Lapena stuck to her idea: The Couple Next Door is a life-changer. The novel has sold in more than 20 international territories, and is already on The Sunday Times' bestseller list since being released in the U.K. in July. Although Lapena's novel has little in common plot-wise with other successful domestic thrillers such as Gillian Flynn's Gone Girl and Paula Hawkins' The Girl on the Train, it has found a fan base with readers who enjoy stories where evil lurks behind the walls of nice suburban homes.

"There seems to be a lot of interest in normal settings. I don't know if people can better relate to them or find them so much more darker and twisted," says Lapena. "I love spy thrillers but most people are not spies or criminal lawyers, but they do have families and homes so they can identify with what's going on in their homes."

So now that Lapena has more than proven that she can write page-turners will she continue to write more?

"I love it, I'm going to stick with the thrillers," she says. "It's so fun to do. I think I have a natural bent for it."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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6 REVEALING QUOTES FROM THE NEW AMY SCHUMER BOOK

If you love Schumer, then you'll love The Girl With The Lower Back Tattoo, which extends and deepens our sense of her personality. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Amy Schumer doesn't hold back in her new book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

On having had only one one-night stand:
I'm just too pragmatic and lazy for one-night stands. I consider consequences and I don't drink like I did in college

On the demeanour of the Bloomingdale's manager who caught her and her sister shoplifting:
He was radiating smugness like someone who works at the Apple Genius Bar on the day of a product release

On calling Fayetteville, N.C. and Tampa, FL. "horrendous cities"
I'm not scared of writing that and making those people mad, because I know for a fact that no one who lives there has ever read a book

On seeing, and not recognizing, photos of herself paddle boarding in the tabloids:
Oh, cool, Alfred Hitchcock is alive and loves water sports

On her lower-back tattoo and getting trashed on social media:
There's nothing anyone can say about me that's more permanent, damaging, or hideous than the statement I have forever tattooed upon myself

On Hollywood
... it's an industry of people who judge most women almost solely on their appearance, and where every day women feel themselves barrelling toward death and decay while smaller, hotter actresses like Selena keep appearing like Russian nesting dolls

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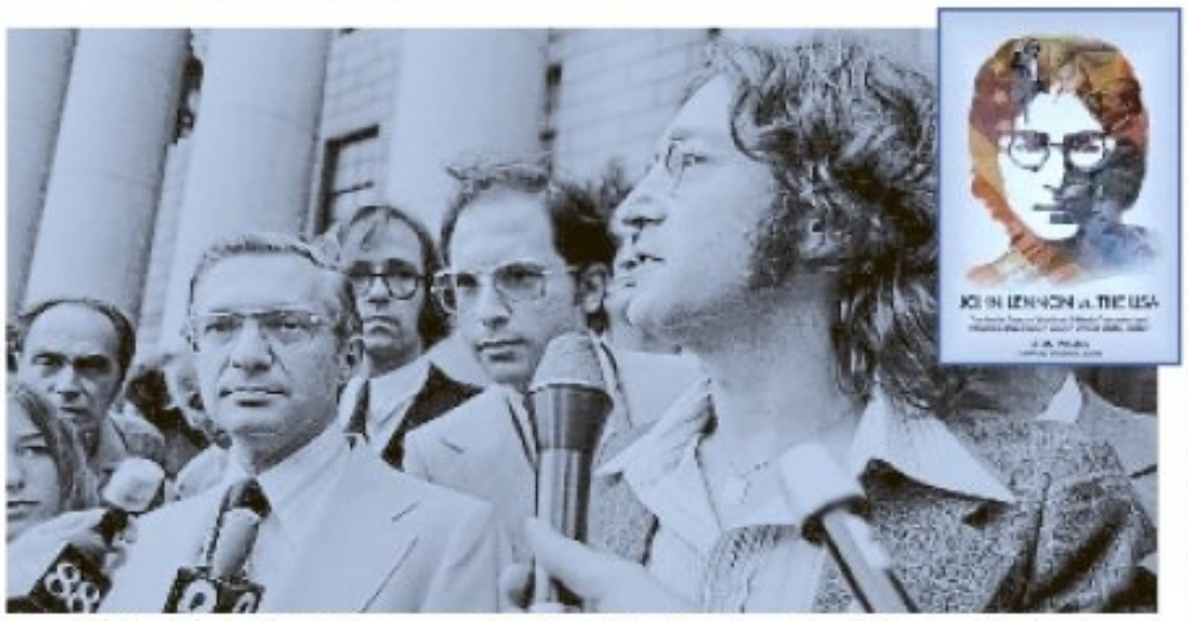
The man who defended Lennon

NEW MEMOIR

Leon Wildes took on Nixon to keep ex-Beatle in the U.S.

Former Beatle John Lennon was living quietly in New York with his wife, Yoko Ono, seeking custody of Yoko's daughter by her first husband. It was 1972, the era of Watergate, a paranoid time when president Richard Nixon believed everyone on the left was out to get him. Lennon had spoken out in support of radical causes and ergo was wiretapped, followed and, finally, threatened with deportation since he wasn't a U.S. citizen. In order to fight this, Lennon and Ono hired immigration lawyer Leon Wildes, who tells the tale of his legal efforts on behalf of the couple in John Lennon vs. the U.S.A: The Inside Story of the Most Bitterly Contested and Influential Deportation Case in United States History. He talks about his book here.



Leon Wildes, left, with John Lennon on the steps of the Southern District Federal U.S. Courthouse in Manhattan in 1972. CONTRIBUTED

It's hard to believe that when you took on Lennon's case you'd never heard of him. The Beatles had been the most famous rock band in the world.

I grew up in a little town in Pennsylvania and we weren't very sophisticated. It was only when I came to New York that I expanded my view, but even then, I was never into that kind of music. One day, after coming back from the Lennons' apartment in Greenwich Village, I was in a taxicab and I asked the driver if he knew who John Lennon was. He looked at me as if I was really weird. "John Lennon is the greatest musician in the world," he said. He asked me who I thought was the most famous musician in the world and I said Ludwig van Beethoven. The driver said many more millions would have heard John Lennon than Beethoven. It made me appreciative of Lennon's very special character. He didn't act like he was one of the greatest musicians.

The list of people who were willing to come and testify on John's behalf was amazing.

I asked John and Yoko to give me a list of friends. They met Gloria Swanson in a health-food store. As a result we actually got her to testify. I didn't have to ask any one of these famous people. They simply volunteered. One of the people who was at the hearing and was disappointed that he didn't get to testify was Jack Nicholson. Everybody knew John Lennon and everyone wanted to protest.

This really was a political rather than a legal case, an abuse of immigration law. Did anything change in the law at that time to make it easier for those seeking residence in the United States? I know 9/11 threw another kink into the works, but prior to that, did the Lennon case help?

I think that it did. In my practice we were able to help people based on what was determined in the Lennon case. President Obama worked to allow children who were brought into the U.S., illegally, under the age of 16 to get a driver's licence when they get older, admission to college and working papers, and so on. I have been writing this book for 40 years, but it was a result of the hopeful anticipation that the president would use his administrative power to help young immigrants that pushed me to finish.

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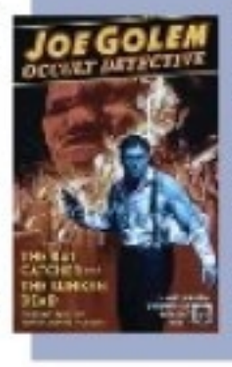
BOOK BRIEF

Investigating the occult

If you want to write a cool story, all you need is one great idea. Joe Golem: Occult Detective, has at least three.

The hero is a golem, made from mud and magic. But he's also a hard-boiled detective in the pulp tradition. And he investigates occult crime in an alternative Manhattan of the 1960s, 40 years after a catastrophic flood turned it into an apocalyptic American Venice. So cool.

Even better, it comes from the mind of Hellboy creator Mike Mignola, along with novelist Christopher Golden. This is the pairing that created the freaky Baltimore novels, and the two stories in this Joe Golem book, which collects a mini series, are just as weird. It's exciting, violent, sad and creepy, and definitely worth a read. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



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GOSSIP

Kevin Smith takes on Instagram troll

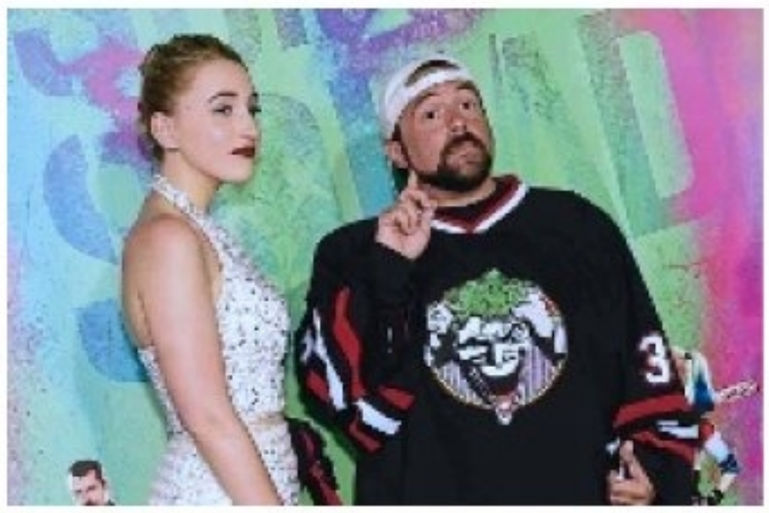
Director Kevin Smith is taking on an online troll who called his daughter "ugly" and "talentless" and wished her dead on Instagram.

Smith posted on Facebook the comment he says his 17-year-old daughter, Harley Quinn Smith, received after posting a picture of herself on Instagram.

Smith writes that his daughter took the comment in stride and was "bemused by the bitterness."

He says the commenter would be better off making his "own dreams come true, instead of slamming others for doing the same."

Smith directed his daughter in Yoga Hosers, which is set for wide release next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Harley Quinn Smith and dad Kevin Smith. After an Instagram troll called his daughter 'ugly' and 'talentless,' Smith said the commenter would be better off making his "own dreams come true instead of slamming others for doing the same." JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY IMAGES

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Drake, Eminem bury hatchet in Detroit

Drake and Eminem have knocked down rumours of bad blood by appearing on stage together at Drake's show in Eminem's hometown of Detroit on Tuesday night. The rappers have been the topic of online conversation this month amid a beef between Drake and Joe Budden, who is a part of Eminem's Shady Records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man charged with stalking Kendall Jenner

A man arrested outside model and reality television personality Kendall Jenner's Los Angeles home has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanour trespassing and stalking charges. Shavaughn McKenzie entered the plea Tuesday. He faces up to six months in jail and a $1,000 fine if convicted of either charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Green Wing sends up hospital show tropes

THE SHOW: Green Wing
THE MOMENT: The ladies room

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Joanna (Pippa Haywood) is the caustic director of human resources at a British teaching hospital straight out of a Monty Python routine. Her colleague Sue (Michelle Gomez), the staff liaison officer who can't be bothered to help her staff, stands next to her.

Surveying her reflection, Joanna unbuttons an extra button on her tight blouse and rearranges her breasts. Seeing this, Sue tries to do the same. But she's wearing a high-necked white T-shirt. After moving her hands atop her shirt unsuccessfully, she simply lifts her shirt all the way up, revealing bigger breasts, which she jiggles aggressively at Joanna.

The women head for the door, openly out-sexying each other. Sue shakes out her ponytail and whips her hair. Joanna raises her skirt and shows off her garter belt. Sue takes her skirt off. They bang into each other as they exit.

This 2004 English series recently showed up on Netflix, and it's a romp. Its scenes are more sketches that end in punchlines than they are narrative, and it sends up every trope of hospital shows (how many times have we seen ladies' room primping played straight?). Everyone is insanely competitive. No one gives a toss about patients. They smoke like chimneys.

It's also a delight to spot the baby-faced versions of British talent we've come to love: Olivia Colman (Broadchurch) as a scattered administrator; Tamsin Greig and Stephan Mangan (Episodes) as a doctor and anesthetist; even John Oliver pops up in episode one as a used-car salesman. They make funny look effortless.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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MEET THE CONDO

Classic living in South Kerrisdale

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Project overview

Cambridge Mews by Talta Developments is a limited collection of six classically-inspired brick townhomes in the quaint Vancouver neighbourhood of South Kerrisdale. Interiors carry a West Coast feel with neutral tones and natural finishes, allowing residents to make the space their own. Each unit spans over three and four levels.

Housing amenities

Electric fireplaces, central heating and air conditioning, high ceiling and quartz countertops are some of the features. Other perks include a full-sized energy efficient Whirpool washer and dryer and a Bosch stainless steel appliance package. Residents can rest easy with video surveillance at vehicle entry points.

Location and transit

Cambridge Mews is at Granville Street and West 59th Ave. Its location allows residents to easily access SkyTrain stations as well as major bus routes along Granville Street. Whether it's getting to the waterfront, the University of British Columbia or the airport, South Kerrisdale is in close proximity to it all.

In the neighbourhood

There are plenty of amenities near Cambridge Mews. From banks and golf courses, to coffee shops and schools, residents never have to compromise their lifestyle. Oakridge Centre is a great option for shopping and the Richmond Night Market could be a fun evening out.

NEED TO KNOW

What: Cambridge Mews
Builder: Talta Developments
Designer: Area3 Design, Stuart Howard Architects
Location: South Kerrisdale, Vancouver
Building: Four-storey townhomes
Sizes: 1,367 to 1,511 sq. ft.
Model: Three bedroom; three bedroom and den
Pricing: From $1,379,900
Status: Pre-construction
Occupancy: Fall/winter 2017
Sales centre: Granville Street and West 59th Ave. (by appointment)
Phone: 604-808-3058
Website: cambridgemews.com

REAL ESTATE

Brady Bunch actress turns $55K U.S. investment into $3.9M

Eve Plumb played the middle sister, Jan Brady, in a blended family of six children on the hit 1970s sitcom The Brady Bunch.

The 58-year-old actress is now a painter in Laguna Beach, Calif., but at the age of 11, assisted by her parents, she bought a Malibu beach house for $55,300 U.S. It has stayed in her family ever since while the area became an increasingly tony address. She has just sold the property for $3.9 million U.S. in an impressive profit from her original investment.

It's tiny. The flat-roofed bungalow has three bedrooms and 1.75 bathrooms in 850 square feet of space. An expansive deck wraps the exterior of the home, taking in the wide, sandy beach.

It was marketed as a teardown with expectations that someone else would build a million dollar property on the site. An earlier price point of $4.15 million proved too rich and the property languished on the market.

Sitting at the south end of Escondido Beach, the 1950s cottage returned to market earlier this year with plans for an ultra-modern residence designed by Meis Architects, designer of the Staples Center, among other venues. Plumb's idea was to show the potential of the lot. Drawings were available for potential purchasers.

In all, the proposed home would have three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms in 3,500 square feet of space. Floor to ceiling windows would fill the home with light and create an entertainment area. Plumb has already looked into construction permits.

The architects threw in lots of features that make the property unique, including a two-story garage wrapped in perforated metal.

The view from the street would not be overwhelmed by cars in a driveway. They also imagined a retractable "moon roof" as another way to enhance the lighting inside.

Obviously the biggest selling factor is the 47 feet of beachfront. The original house is surrounded by a deck and decking is included in the new design.

So, Marcia, how does that strike you as a good investment?

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Eve Plumb, who played Jan Brady on The Brady Bunch put her beach bungalo on the market with renderings for an ultra-modern residence. HANDOUT

DIY letter blocks for the kids

CRAFTING

Cute project is as easy as ABC

Transform loose pages slipping out of an old book into something shelf worthy. Personalize a child's room by turning their initial into a piece of art from the pages of an old bedtime story or comic book. It's as easy as ABC.

TRY IT

Step 1: Gather supplies
If you don't have old illustrated books that you are willing to rip apart, visit a thrift shop or secondhand bookstore to find vintage books to use for this project.

You'll need:
- Wooden letters
- Pages from old books
- Mod Podge
- Scissors
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Foam craft brush
- X-Acto knife

TIP
Visit your favourite thrift shop or second-hand store to find vintage books for this project.

Step 2: Paint the letters
Give the letters a coat of paint for a pop of colour. Let dry.

Step 3: Make a collage
Select the book pages, illustrations and text that you want to include on the letter. Depending on the design, you may wish to trace the letter onto a book page and then cut it out with scissors or do a more freestyle collage with pieces of illustrations and words scattered.

Step 4: Glue it on
Apply a thin layer of Mod Podge to the back of the paper and adhere it to the letter, smoothing it out to remove any air bubbles. Cover the letter, overlapping the paper to create a layered, collage type look. Let dry for approximately 20 minutes.

Step 5: Trim it
Use the Exacto knife to carefully trim away any excess paper.

Step 6: Seal it
Use a foam brush to apply a coat of Mod Podge on top of the paper to seal and protect the design. Let dry for approximately one hour before handling.

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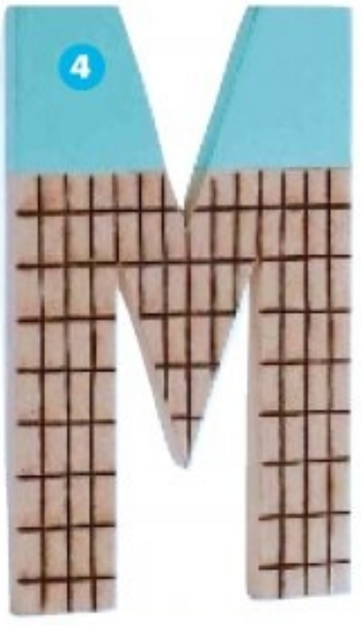
Making letter blocks of your kid's initials is a great way to personalize a bedroom. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Heat-hardy plants are the bee's knees

GARDENING

Drought-resistant plants draw pollinators

Water-wise gardens don't have to resemble sterile moonscapes, devoid of anything but layers of rock and gravel. They can feature scores of attractive drought-resistant plants that invite bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollen- and nectar-gathering species to your yard.

Xeriscaping is an important gardening approach for arid areas, said David Salman, founder and chief horticulturist for High Country Gardens in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"But regardless of where you live, xeriscaping can be as simple as planting native and Old World plants whose water needs meet an area's normal precipitation, thus needing little if any supplemental watering once established," he said in an email.

Both perennials and annuals have a place in pollinator-supportive gardens. Salman recommends annuals that naturalize themselves by re-seeding, so they are persistent in the landscape.

He also suggests using a combination of perennials that will bloom from the start of the growing season until hard frost in the fall. Those can range from trees to shrubs, herbs to succulents, grasses to ground covers.

Environmental controls also will make your yard more attractive to pollinators.

"The use of windbreaks and building-sheltered areas in windy climates is one," Salman said, a nod toward protecting wind-averse bumblebees.

"The use of mulches in dry climates is another. Using runoff water from a home's roof to water a shade tree would be still another. This saves both energy (air conditioning) and the need for supplemental irrigation."

Succulents are popular with many gardeners in arid settings, but cacti belong to a plant order with higher durability.

"Some cacti are hummingbird attractors — those that flower bright red," said James Cane, an entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture/ARS Insect Pollinating Research Unit at Utah State University. "Other succulents, like sedums, are pretty attractive to bees. But freezing temperatures can be hard on succulents."

Go easy on using weed barriers like erosion cloth when xeriscaping, Cane said.

"It's important to be judicious with it," he said. "Don't unroll the whole package and then poke holes in it — at least if you want bees and worms. It packs down and eliminates habitat for the ground-nesting bees that comprise about 85 per cent of the wild bee populations in the East."

Which plants suited to sun-seared settings are most pleasing to pollinators and gardeners alike?

"Many Old World species like spring-blooming bulbs, catmints, lavender, Russian sage and European salvia are honeybee magnets," Cane said.

"Native species like goldenrod, sulfur buckwheat, milkweed and blazing star are nectar sources for native bees and butterflies," he said. "Hummingbird mint, native salvia, orange honeysuckle and beardtongue are eagerly sought by hummingbirds."

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Xeriscaping can be as simple as planting native and Old World plants whose water needs meet an area's normal precipitation,
David Salman, High Country Gardens

WHERE TO PLANT

Start small. Understand which micro sites in your yard favour xeriscaping. Depressions in the ground that retain scarce rainwater, for example. Or dry corners of your property that with some soil amendments could be converted into efficient pollinator pockets.

Many old-world plant species, like rosemary, grow well in sun-seared settings and are pleasing to gardeners as well as pollinators. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IOC executive Patrick Hickey was taken to a hospital after police came to his hotel to arrest him as part of a probe into ticket scalping

Confident De Grasse hot on Bolt's heels

RIO2016

Canuck a step behind 200-metre king in semifinals

At the world championships last year, right after the 100-metre men's final, Usain Bolt confessed to a reporter that he didn't have a clue who this bronze-medalling Andre De Grasse kid was.

He knows now.

The kid from Canada has been right on the legendary Jamaican sprinter's heels all week.

Bronze to his gold in the 100 with a personal best on Sunday, in the pressure cooker of the Olympics marquee event.

Second to him by two-hundredths of a second in Wednesday night's 200-metre semifinal — another PB for the 21-year-old from Markham, Ont.

And Bolt, appearing to deliberately hold up, slow down, with about 40 metres to go, as if waiting for De Grasse to catch up, both of them grinning at each other in the final few strides, giving the impression of jogging together companionably.

Bolt crossing the finish in 19.78 seconds. De Grasse an eyelash behind him at 19.80 — a Canadian record. The Jamaican throwing his arm around the Canadian. Like, let's do this again some time. Thursday evening, actually.

Andre De Grasse and Usain Bolt run in the men's 200-metre semifinals Wednesday night.
MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **I feel like I can keep up with him better in this race.**
> Andre De Grasse

Pitter-patter and pounding feet.

The cocky Canadian, De Grasse, shows all the blithe self-assuredness of youth. But you have to be cocky to be good. And he's good.

"I think I can have a personal best," he casually observed the other day following the 200-metre heats, where he posted the best qualifying time of the field and best time of his season: 20:09. He had looked right, had looked left — shades of Bolt's head swivel on the fly there. "No one was with me."

Bolt, the two-time and defending Olympic champion in the 200 owns the world record time of 19.19.

Since Beijing in 2008, Bolt has not lost a single major championship at 200. Come Friday, his Jamaican squad will be vying to three-peat Olympic gold. De Grasse is anchoring the Canadian team.

"I came to Rio to win three gold medals, to prove myself again as one of the greats," said Bolt. "Someone said if I did I would be immortal.

"I kind of like that. I'm going to run with that."

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1 Top qualifying time — Melissa Bishop of Eganville, Ont., qualified with the best time (1:58.38) in the women's 800-metre heats.

2 Denied bronze — Canada just missed the podium in Olympic show jumping, losing to Germany in a jumpoff for bronze.

3 Strong takeoff — London, Ont.'s Damian Warner got off to a good start in the Olympic decathlon — he was third overall after Wednesday's five events.

4 Tee'd off — Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., carded a 1-under-par 70 in the opening-round of the women's golf tournament. Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn leads at 6 under, while Alena Sharp of Hamilton sits at 1 under.

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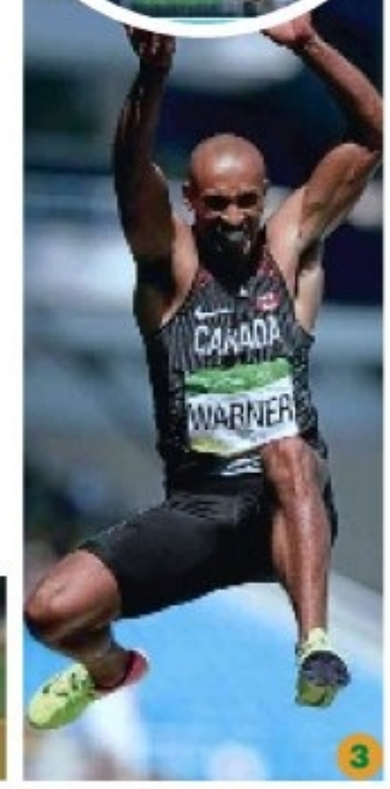

SOCCER

Brazil romps way to gold-medal match

Rafael Alcantara, top, and Neymar helped fire up the home crowd Wednesday.
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Maybe Neymar and his teammates can make the Olympics a success for Brazil after all.

Brazil's celebrated men's soccer team rolled to a 6-0 win over Honduras in the semifinals Wednesday to earn a spot in the gold-medal match.

Brazil started the day 16th in the medal standings, with only three golds in the first 11 days.

Empty seats have been prevalent across Rio, but not at Maracana Stadium, where they packed in to watch Neymar and Co. They didn't have to wait long,

SEMIFINALS

BRAZIL	HONDURAS
6	0

with Neymar scoring 15 seconds into the game. It was the fastest goal in men's Olympic history, and Brazil led 3-0 going into halftime to cruise into the final.

"We don't want to disappoint the fans," Brazil midfielder Renato Augusto said. "They want us to play well and they want us to win the gold."

Neymar added a goal on a penalty kick in stoppage time, and Gabriel Jesus also scored twice for Brazil, which got off to a slow start in the tournament. But the team picked up the pace and will face Germany, which beat Nigeria 2-0 in the other semifinal. Germany's senior team trounced Brazil 7-1 in the semifinals of the World Cup in Rio two years ago.

"Hey Germany, just wait, your turn is coming up!" a fired-up fan base chanted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO In brief

Yeats can't grapple bronze

Dorothy Yeats of Montreal fell short of capturing a medal, losing her battle for bronze in women's 69-kilogram wrestling on Wednesday.

Yeats was defeated 2-1 by Sweden's Anna Fransson.

The Canadian, who won her opening match 11-1 over Nigerian Hannah Rueben, lost 7-2 in the quarter-finals to Sara Dosho of Japan, then edged Buse Tosun of Turkey 3-2 in the repechage round. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians paddle into final of 200-metre kayak double

Ryan Cochrane of Windsor, N.S., and Hugues Fournel of Montreal qualified for the final of the men's K2 200 metre.

Cochrane and Fournel were nominated to the Canadian Olympic Team just over two weeks ago after a Russian crew was suspended due to a doping infraction.

The final takes place Thursday morning.

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Robbery claim sees swimmers detained

The USOC says American swimmers Jack Conger and Gunnar Bentz were removed from their flight to the U.S. by Brazilian authorities Wednesday night, hours after a judge ordered gold medallist Ryan Lochte and teammate Jimmy Feigen stay in the country as police investigate their claim they were robbed during the Olympics.

United States Olympic Committee spokesman Patrick Sandusky confirmed the swimmers were detained but had no other details. Lochte and his three teammates said they were held up at gunpoint in a taxi as they returned to the athletes village from a party, several hours after the last Olympic swimming events were held.

Ryan Lochte GETTY IMAGES

Police have found little evidence so far to support their accounts, and say the swimmers were unable to provide key details in police interviews.

Lochte's father, Steve Lochte, said by phone from his Florida home that his son had already returned home and called him Tuesday after arriving in the U.S.

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MLB

Jays hold on to top spot as pitcher extends win streak to 11

WEDNESDAY in N.Y.C.

7	4
BLUE JAYS	YANKEES

Before this season, J.A. Happ had a career record of 62-61 with a 4.13 ERA. This year, he's putting up Cy Young Award numbers.

Happ won his career-best 11th consecutive decision to become the majors' first 17-game winner in 2016, pitching the Toronto Blue Jays past the New York Yankees 7-4 on Wednesday.

"He's just turned into a better pitcher. He's more of a command guy," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "He's got a great feel. He's doing a tremendous job."

Melvin Upton Jr. hit a three-run homer and Darwin Barney had an early two-run double for the first-place Blue Jays, who hold a slim lead over Baltimore and Boston in the AL East. Russell Martin added three hits, including an RBI single off CC Sabathia, as the Blue Jays took two of three in the series, delighting a vocal contingent of Toronto fans at Yankee Stadium.

Happ (17-3) pitched into the eighth inning and extended the longest active winning streak in the majors. He struck out nine, walked one and yielded solo homers to Gary Sanchez, Starlin Castro and Chase Headley. "If you can try to limit them to solos, you give yourself a chance. That's kind of what happened today," Happ said.

J.A. Happ GETTY IMAGES

Signed as a free agent in the off-season to a $36 million, three-year contract, Happ has won five straight starts. The 33-year-old lefty, who hasn't lost since June 6 at Detroit, is 3-0 in four outings against the Yankees this year.

Happ hides the ball well and has a sneaky fastball that he moves all around and can elevate to get strikeouts. His big season is a continuation of his success down the stretch last year, when he went 7-2 with a 1.85 ERA in 11 starts after getting traded from Seattle to Pittsburgh.

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> He's just turned into a better pitcher. He's more of a command guy. He's got a great feel. He's doing a tremendous job.
> Toronto manager John Gibbons on Happ

Jays closer Roberto Osuna and catcher Russell Martin hug after Wednesday's win. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

BAT SPAT

Gibby, Donaldson face off

Heck, it was all over Tom Ford cologne!

"I kind of hit my bat on the dugout there, Gibby leaned over and said, what kind of cologne are you wearing," Josh Donaldson said, referring to a third inning run-in with manager John Gibbons in the Blue Jays dugout that added to Wednesday's the on-field fireworks.

"It was Tom Ford, I got some and was trying it out. He got close enough to get a good whiff. I said back up . . . I'll give you some after the game."

Kidding aside, there was a serious side to the face off between Gibbons and Donaldson, which started after the AL MVP struck out for the second straight time and threw his bat in the dugout. A TV camera caught Gibbons going after Donaldson at the bat rack. The two got into a heated exchange with Troy Tulowitzki and Josh Thole stepping in to separate the two.

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IN BRIEF

Turan paces Barcelona
Arda Turan scored two goals before Lionel Messi added a third as Barcelona beat Sevilla 3-0 on Wednesday to win the Spanish Super Cup with a 5-0 victory on aggregate.

Turan, who struggled to find his stride last season, continued to fill in successfully for Neymar while the Brazil star plays at the Rio Olympics.

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McCaffrey intent on improvements

NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford rusher looks to improve on massive 2015

Christian McCaffrey of the Stanford Cardinal runs past Cole Fisher the Iowa Hawkeyes at the Rose Bowl Jan. 2. GETTY IMAGES

Now here's a scary thought for defences facing Stanford this season.

One year after shattering Barry Sanders' 27-year-old record for all-purpose yards in a season, Heisman Trophy runner-up Christian McCaffrey is back for his junior season as a "significantly" better player, according to his coach.

"I'm not trying to say he'll get more yards this year than he did last year. That's not what I'm talking about," coach David Shaw said. "I'm talking about a young man who's maturing. He's a year older. His body is still maturing. He's stronger, he's faster. He knows the offence better. It's been exciting knowing how much easier things are for him and also how hard he works."

It will be hard to top what McCaffrey did last season when he ran for 2,019 yards, added 645 yards receiving and 1,200 on returns while scoring 15 TDs and setting the NCAA record with 3,864 all-purpose yards — 614 more than Sanders had in his Heisman Trophy-winning 1988 season. But McCaffrey sees room for improvement and has become bigger, faster and more knowledgeable. He is so well-versed in Stanford's playbook in year three that he knows the assignments of all 11 offensive players on almost every play.

400+

McCaffrey showed no signs of slowing down last season despite more than 400 touches on offence and special teams, gaining 461 yards in the Pac-12 title game against USC and 368 in a Rose Bowl victory against Iowa.

"That's something I've tried to harp on," he said. "I'm not perfect on all of them. But definitely knowing what they're going to do makes my job a lot easier.... You have to know a lot of things and the more you know, the better you play."

Few players have ever done as much on the field as McCaffrey did last year. He was a top runner both inside and when he got out in space. He was Stanford's leading receiver as well, beating defences out of the backfield or when he lined up outside.

He was also a dangerous returner who turned mundane special teams plays into must-watch events and he even threw two touchdown passes.

With a new QB running the offence and three new starters on the offensive line, McCaffrey may have to carry an even bigger load this season and Shaw believes his body can handle it.

"We're going to find every way humanly possible to get him the ball, similar to what we did a year ago," Shaw said. "I don't worry about stuff like that ... we'll let him do whatever he can to help us win football games."

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This healthy, yet hearty salad is a meat-and-potatoes dinner, summer style.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 8 small red potatoes, sliced in half
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 head of tender lettuce, washed and chopped
- 2 filets of salmon
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lemon, juiced, divided
- salt and pepper
- 1 avocado, pitted and cubed
- 6 or 7 plum tomatoes, sliced in half lengthwise

Directions

1. Boil potatoes until tender. Drain and put aside to cool. Pour frozen corn into a bowl and thaw. Wash, dry and chop the lettuce into ribbons. Turn oven broiler onto 450 degrees.

2. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towel before coating in a light slick of olive oil and half of the lemon juice, and salt and pepper before placing on a rack or cookie sheet. Shake the corn around the salmon. Place on the highest rack of the oven and cook for between 5 and 10 minutes, depending on salmon thickness. Remove from the oven.

3. Lay on bed of the chopped lettuce. Arrange the potatoes, avocado and tomatoes evenly across the lettuce. Break salmon into bite size pieces with your hands. Arrange on the salad. Shake the charred corn over top and serve with your favourite dressing.

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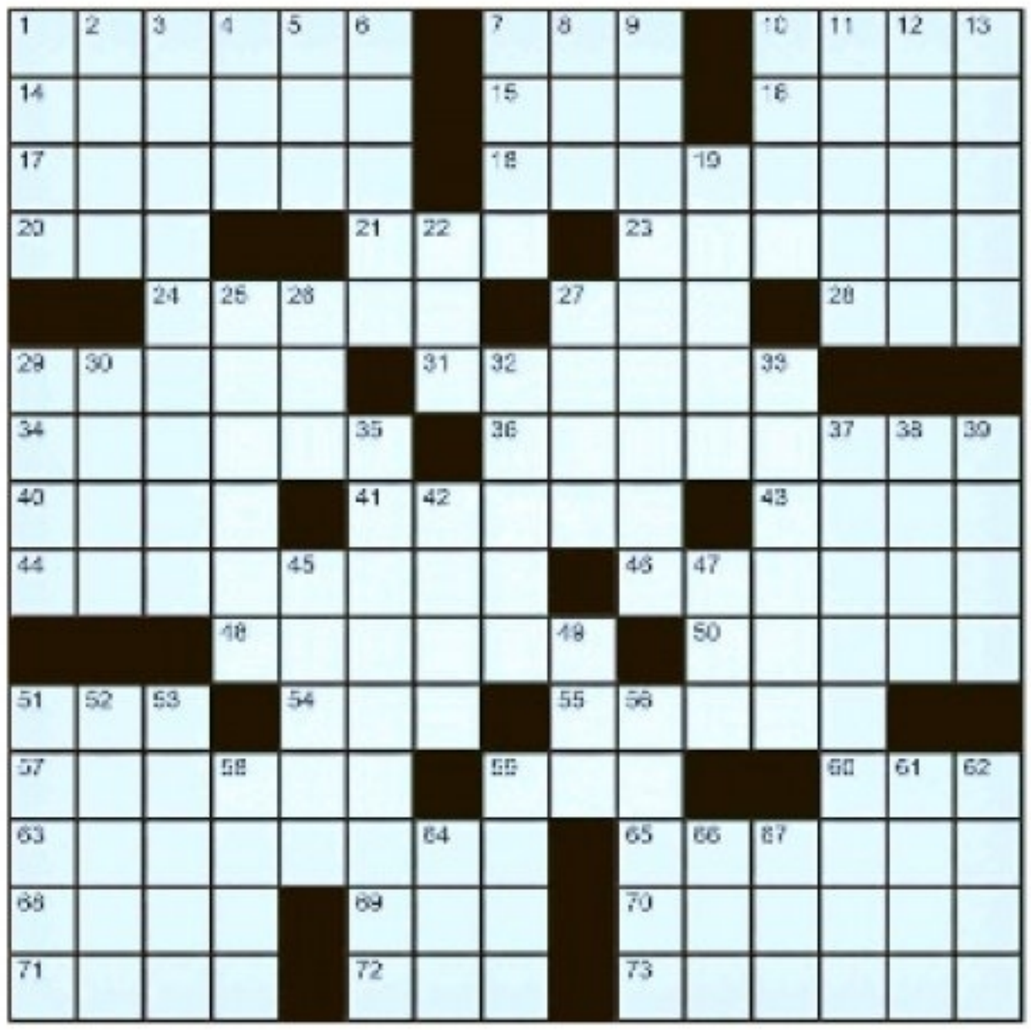

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16. Hillside dugout shelter
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24. Soil crawlers
27. Theological sch.
28. Li'l streets
29. "Canadian Girls" by Dean __
31. "The Blue __" (1946) starring Veronica Lake
34. Direct, as per ancestry
36. RIO 2016: Soccer's Olympic synonym
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41. British car, __ Martin
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46. Yukon neighbour
48. Hive house
50. "Our Father which __ __ heaven..."
51. Baton Rouge sch.
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60. Campers, commonly
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DOWN
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4. Not standard, briefly
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8. Narrow inlet
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11. Don't like at all
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52. "Now you __ '__, now you don't!"
53. Saint-__ (Municipality in Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula)
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Continue to look for ways to improve your job or to get a better job. Lucky Jupiter, Mercury and Venus all are waiting to help!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Grab every chance to take a vacation, because three planets are urging you to have fun. Sports events, playful activities with children and romance also are blessed.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You continue to benefit from anything related to home and family, including real estate. This is a good time for home repairs and redecorating projects.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Life is fast-paced now because of short trips, increased reading and writing, plus busy errands and conversations with everyone. Just go with the flow!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Continue to look for ways to boost your income, because you can do this now. Mercury, Venus and lucky moneybags Jupiter all are in your House of Earnings!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This continues to be a favourable time for you. Please take note: This is a great week for Virgos to buy wardrobe items.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Although you are working behind the scenes and playing it low-key, your communication with others nevertheless is direct and highly charged! (No one sees you coming.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
People in power — bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs — admire you now. This advantage will stay with you for another week, so make the most of it! Go after what you want!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Grab every opportunity to travel and expand your horizons, because this is what you need to do now. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you won't hesitate to go after what you want!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Study, interactions with other countries and cultures, plus opportunities to travel intrigue you now. Settle loose ends with shared property so that you are free to fly!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need more rest right now. (Respect your need for more sleep.) This will help you in issues where you might be in competition with someone else.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's easy to get better organized now, because people are supportive. They want to help you. Relations with partners are wonderful. Lucky you!

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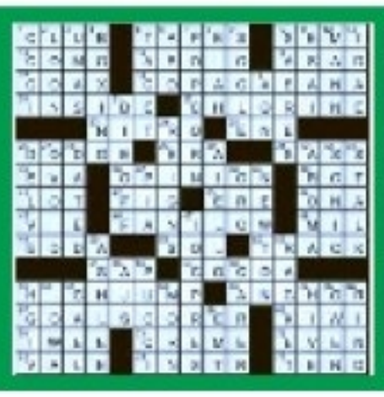

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